

b1 other terminals, and forwards to the controller the information from the other terminals and information on the selected terminal.

b2 3. (Twice Amended) A network system according to claim 1 wherein at least two terminals are selected by the selecting means, and one of the at least two terminals is designated by the controller.

Sub C2
b3 8. (Twice Amended) A network system comprising:
a plurality of terminals interconnected via a network; and
a control computer controlling the terminals via the network;
wherein at least one of the terminals selected by the control computer transmits a request to the other terminals to obtain the information on the other terminals, receives the information from the other terminals, and forwards to the controller the information from the other terminals and information on the selected terminal.

11. (Twice Amended) A terminal for connecting via a network to a plurality of other terminals, the terminal comprising:

b4 requesting means for requesting the other terminals to obtain information on the other terminals and to forward the obtained information on the other terminals to the terminal; and

a transmitting means for transmitting to the network information on the terminal and the obtained information on the other terminals based on a request from the network.

Sub C3
b5 15. (Twice Amended) A process for controlling by a controller connected to a network a plurality of terminals connected to the network, the process comprising the steps of:

selecting one of the terminals through the controller;

causing the selected terminal to transmit a request to the other terminals to obtain information on the other terminals, and receive the information from the other terminals; and

causing the selected terminal to transmit the obtained information on the other terminals and information on the selected terminal to the controller.

16. (Amended) The process defined in claim 15, wherein the selected terminal is adapted to obtain the information on the other terminals therefrom, and transmit the obtained information on the other terminals and the information on the selected terminal to the controller.

17. (Twice Amended) A recording medium that stores a program for execution by a controller in a network system including a plurality of terminals interconnected via a network and controlled by the controller via the network,

at least two of the terminals being each adapted to obtain information on the other terminals therefrom, and transmit the obtained information on the other terminals and information on the each terminal to the controller,

the program including the steps of:

selecting one of the at least two terminals through the controller; and
requesting the selected terminal to transmit a request to the other terminals to obtain the information on the other terminals, receive the information on the other terminals from the other terminals and forward to the controller the information on the other terminals and information on the selected terminal.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending. By this Amendments, claims 1, 3, 8, 11 and 15-17 are amended. Reconsideration based on the amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.